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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL FUKUOKA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL GUANGZHOU IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL MELBOURNE IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL NAHA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL OSAKA KOBE IMMEDIATE

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SACINCUNC KS PRIORITY
USCINCUNC SEOUL KS PRIORITY
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BEIJING -- PASS CHENGDU
BEIJING -- ALSO PASS TO A/S WINSTON LORD

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2. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON 10/16/96. SPOKESMAN NICHOLAS BURNS READ THE FIRST THREE TICKS IN PARA 3 AT THAT DAY'S PRESS BRIEFING. HE ALSO USED THE ANSWER IN PARA 4, THE FIRST ANSWER IN PARA 5, AND HE DREW FROM THE ANSWERS IN PARA 6 (SEE TRANSCRIPT SEPTEL). THE REMAINDER MAY BE USED ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

3. OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY CLAUSSEN'S VISIT TO ASIA

- OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY EILEEN CLAUSSEN WILL BE CONDUCTING A ROUND OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY POLICYMAKERS IN CHINA, KOREA AND JAPAN, OCTOBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 4. THESE COUNTRIES PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE ON GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY CLAUSSEN'S MEETING WILL FOCUS ON MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SUCH AS
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CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FORESTS, TOXIC CHEMICAL NEGOTIATIONS, INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES ISSUES, AND ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION.

- THESE VISITS WILL FURTHER THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SECRETARY'S GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE TO BETTER INTEGRATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS IN ALL ASPECTS OF FOREIGN POLICY.
- IN CHINA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CLAUSSEN ALSO WILL VISIT THE PROVINCES OF SICHUAN AND GUANGDONG, AND WILL ATTEND CHINA'S AGENDA 21 ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE ON DOMESTIC SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.
- IN ADDITION TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SHE WILL MEET WITH NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESS GROUPS AND LOCAL PRESS IN EACH COUNTRY.

4. CHINA: WINSTON LORD VISIT/READOUT

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY READOUT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY LORD'S VISIT TO CHINA/

A. AT THIS POINT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A DETAILED REPORT FROM BEIJING CONCERNING ASSISTANT SECRETARY LORD'S MEETINGS.

-- I UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS HAD WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH STATE COUNCIL FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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DIRECTOR LIU HUAQIU ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16, BEIJING TIME. THEY DISCUSSED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE SECRETARY'S UPCOMING TRIP IN NOVEMBER, THE SITUATION IN KOREA, AND BILATERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS.

5. NORTH KOREA: MISSILE TEST

Q. DO WE HAVE ANY EVIDENCE THAT NORTH KOREA IS ABOUT TO CONDUCT A MISSILE TEST?

A. WE DON'T COMMENT ON INTELLIGENCE MATTERS. OUR STANDING CONCERN ABOUT NORTH KOREA'S MISSILE PROGRAM IS WELL KNOWN.

-- NORTH KOREA'S MISSILE PROGRAM IS A THREAT TO SURROUNDING COUNTRIES AND ITS EXPORTS CONTRIBUTE TO INSTABILITY IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AS WELL.

-- WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE NORTH KOREA COOPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO CONTROL MISSILE PROLIFERATION.

IF ASKED:

Q. HOW IS THIS RELATED TO U.S.-NORTH KOREAN MISSILE TALKS?

A. U.S. TALKS WITH NORTH KOREA ABOUT ITS MISSILE PROGRAM ARE DESIGNED TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT NORTH KOREAN DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT OF MISSILES
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AND MISSILE TECHNOLOGY. AT THE END OF THE FIRST ROUND OF U.S.-NORTH KOREAN MISSILE TALKS ON APRIL 21-22, THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO MEET AGAIN AT A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON DATE. NO DATE FOR THE NEXT ROUND HAS BEEN SET.

6. CHINA: DISSIDENT WANG XIZHE

Q. HAS WANG XIZHE ARRIVED IN THE U.S.? WHERE?

A. YES, HE ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. IT IS UP TO MR. WANG TO MAKE PUBLIC HIS WHEREABOUTS.

Q. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

A. HE HAS BEEN PAROLED INTO THE U.S., AND HAS TIME TO CONSIDER HIS NEXT STEP.

Q. HAS HE REQUESTED ASYLUM?

A. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, WE DO NOT DISCUSS ASYLUM CASES.

Q. WHY DID WE LET HIM IN?

A. MR. LIU XIAOBO, WHO CO-SIGNED A LETTER WITH MR. WANG, EXPRESSING POLITICAL VIEWS, WAS RECENTLY SENT TO THREE YEARS IN A RE-EDUCATION THROUGH LABOR CAMP. MR. WANG FEARED THE SAME THING WOULD HAPPEN TO HIM.

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Q. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE PRC'S CHARGE THAT WANG LEFT CHINA ILLEGALLY??

A. I WOULD DIRECT THAT QUESTION TO THE PRC.

-- AS WE SAID YESTERDAY, MR. WANG ENTERED THE U.S. LEGALLY UNDER A PUBLIC INTEREST PAROLE.

7. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES, ALSO PREPARED ON

10/16/96, WERE NOT USED AT THE BRIEFING. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THEM ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

8. UNSC PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON KOREA SUB INCIDENT

Q. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE STATEMENT ISSUES YESTERDAY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON NORTH KOREA? DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT ON CHINA'S ROLE IN FAVOR OF THE STATEMENT?

A. WE ARE PLEASED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON THE RECENT SUBMARINE INCIDENT. THE STATEMENT SENDS A STRONG SIGNAL OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY'S CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION CREATED BY THIS NORTH KOREAN ACTION, AS WELL AS OF ITS SUPPORT FOR FULL OBSERVATION OF THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE FACT THAT THE COUNCIL WAS ABLE TO REACH A CONSENSUS IS PARTICULARLY GRATIFYING; IT DEMONSTRATES THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE WORLD COMMUNITY TAKES THE MATTER.

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9. INDONESIA: HUMAN RIGHTS

Q. HAVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDONESIAN INTERESTS AFFECTED THIS ADMINISTRATION'S STANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN EAST TIMOR?

A. NO. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MAINTAINED A CONSISTENT POLICY ON EAST TIMOR, ONE THAT HAS BIPARTISAN SUPPORT AND HAS BEEN PURSUED BY PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS AS WELL.

-- THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR OVERALL DIPLOMATIC DIALOGUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA, AND IS DISCUSSED REGULARLY WITH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS. MOREOVER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK HAS TRAVELLED TO INDONESIA, INCLUDING EAST TIMOR, TO SPECIFICALLY PRESS OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS WITH OFFICIALS AS WELL AS TO MEET WITH AND SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, INCLUDING BISHOP BELO.

-- WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN EAST

TIMOR AND THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR, ISSUES WHICH ARE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

- THE PRESIDENT HAS PERSONALLY RAISED OUR CONCERNS WITH PRESIDENT SOEHARTO, INCLUDING IN THEIR LAST MEETING IN OCTOBER 1995. THE SECRETARY HAS ALSO RAISED OUR CONCERNS AND MET TWICE WITH INDONESIA'S
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NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN ORDER TO
UNDERScore OUR SUPPORT FOR ITS WORK.

- ANY QUERIES ON ALLEGATIONS REGARDING POLITICAL FUND RAISING SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION IN INDONESIA'S INCORPORATION OF EAST TIMOR?

- A. SINCE 1976, THE UNITED STATES HAS ACCEPTED INDONESIA'S INCORPORATION OF EAST TIMOR, WITHOUT MAINTAINING THAT A VALID ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION HAS TAKEN PLACE.

Q. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSED SALE OF F-16'S TO INDONESIA?

- A. OUR POLICY IS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO INDONESIA MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT WILL SUPPORT LEGITIMATE EXTERNAL DEFENSE NEEDS. ABSENT IMPROVEMENT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, WE DO NOT EXPORT EQUIPMENT SUCH AS SMALL ARMS OR CROWD CONTROL EQUIPMENT THAT MIGHT BE USED TO SUPPRESS LEGITIMATE DISSENT.

10. PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

1996 NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE WHITE HOUSE WHEN THE SENATE RECESSED IN OCTOBER 1996:

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AUSTRALIA GENTA HAWKINS HOLMES
EL SALVADOR ANNE PATTERSON
PAPUA NEW GUINEA ARMA JANE KARAER
SURINAME DENNIS HAYS
VENEZUELA JOHN MAISTO

RANK OF AMB
(RWANDA BURUNDI) RICHARD BOGOSIAN
RANK OF AMB (APEC) JOHN WOLF

FS LIST #8 (GENERALISTS)
FS LIST #9 (STATE PROMOTIONS)
FS LIST #10 (GENERALISTS)

USIA PROMOTION MARILYN MCAFEE
1996-1997 UNGA DELEGATES AMB. ALBRIGHT AND HER DEPUTIES

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